

an account in their name or use their Social Security Number (SSN). This bill would require that all foster children have their credit reports reviewed, and cleared if there is an inaccuracy, prior to leaving care. It would also end the use of a child's SSN as an identifier. Currently, there is no available data on how many children have been affected by identity theft; this legislation will track the number of stolen identities by state. The bill allows the states to obtain assistance from both the Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Trade Commission on how best to protect their foster youth.

This legislation will also strengthen the financial security of foster youth and empower them to make responsible financial decisions as adults. Research shows that current and former foster youth are more likely to forego higher education, be in poor health, become homeless, and rely on public supports as adults. This legislation would provide resources for a successful transition to adulthood by helping foster youth obtain a driver's license or state identification card, obtain auto insurance, open a bank account, and apply for student loans. This bill would also help foster youth determine if they are eligible for federal or state benefits and provide them with information on accessing health care and safe and affordable housing. Financial literacy classes would be available for foster children and their foster parents.

The Foster Youth Financial Security Act also provides seed money for each state to set up Individual Development Accounts for foster youth so they leave care with a nest egg to pay for housing, education, and job training. This bill would provide \$45 million for the states to carry out the above initiatives and an additional \$5 million for technical assistance.

I would like to thank my colleague, Congressman STARK, for joining me on this bill, as well as introducing H.R. 6192, the Foster Children Self Support Act, of which I'm a proud original cosponsor. These bills will provide foster youth with the tools they need and deserve to become successful adults.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Breast Cancer Awareness Month beginning Friday, October 1, 2010. This month also marks the 20th anniversary of the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), which provides breast health services to underserved women.

Breast cancer will strike 1.3 million women this year and kill almost 500,000 in the U.S. African American, Native American and Hispanic women are more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stages of cancer than white women, and the death rates for African American women are about 17% higher than those of white women. Even with the increase of breast cancer among minorities, there are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today—a testament to the power of edu-

cation, early detection and advances in treatment.

Because early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer, NBCCEDP has provided breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostics and case management services to low-income, uninsured women for the past two decades.

In 2009, NBCCEDP screened almost 325,000 women for breast cancer and detected 4,600 breast cancers. If those 4,600 women diagnosed with cancer last year did not use the NBCCEDP, they would have likely been diagnosed at later stages with larger tumors, when cancer is harder to treat and more deadly.

Despite efforts to eliminate disparities in breast cancer related care, substantial disparities remain, which is why I am proud to be the sponsor of H.R. 2279, the Eliminating Disparities of Breast Cancer Treatment Act, along with Representative DONNA CHRISTENSEN. This act ensures that every breast cancer patient, regardless of health insurance status, race, income, or educational background, receives adequate care through the development of standard best practices for breast cancer treatment.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we support the health and wellness of all women and continue to close the gaps in treatment among minorities by recognizing the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

HONORING THE BENZINGER FAMILY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the Benzinger family, whose economic, environmental, and philanthropic contributions in the Sonoma Valley have earned its businesses due recognition as 2010 Sonoma Valley Business of the Year. Both Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have pioneered a sustainable approach to agriculture and a humanitarian approach to business. Their active presence continues to strengthen and enrich Sonoma Valley communities.

Starting in the mid-1990s, Benzinger Family Winery began its transition into biodynamic agriculture. They eliminated chemicals and other artificial elements in favor of a more holistic and organic method that capitalizes on the vitality of a vineyard that is allowed to thrive in a natural state. Benzinger Family Winery has even been recognized by the National Resources Defense Council for its water conservation strategies. Imagery Estate Winery was founded in the same tradition, and the result is not only a greener footprint, but richer and more distinctive products that embody their unique places of origin. Indeed, Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have earned reputations as producers of exceptional quality not only in California, but worldwide.

The Benzinger family has brought the same care and commitment to its active role in Sonoma Valley communities, supporting local charities and volunteerism. It has been par-

ticularly instrumental in supporting Becoming Independent, a North Bay nonprofit dedicated to empowering people with developmental disabilities, and its wineries are a regular presence at the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction. Earlier this year, Benzinger Family Winery also joined with the local Red Cross to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and in Chile.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join us in thanking the Benzinger family for its contributions to Sonoma Valley and in congratulating its wineries on their success and well deserved recognition. Benzinger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery are powerful examples of the value of community-minded business, and Sonoma Valley is stronger because of them.

HONORING PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin.

Since 1935, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has provided access to quality reproductive healthcare for women and men across the state. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin plays an essential role in providing both reproductive healthcare for all and comprehensive sexual education. Additionally, they advocate tirelessly for women's reproductive rights statewide.

In 1935, the first birth control health center in Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin, the Maternal Health Center, opened its doors. For the first time, women, men and families statewide had access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive healthcare. Nearly 15 years later, the Maternal Health Center affiliated with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, defining their role as one of the lead reproductive healthcare providers in the state of Wisconsin. In 1964, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin opened its first of many new neighborhood health centers, and in 1971 the organization officially became a statewide affiliate with 17 clinics opening throughout Wisconsin in the 1970s. By the mid-1980s, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin had 30 health centers open statewide. Presently, there are 27 health centers, which provide care to over 70,000 patients, and education staff, which provide educational programming to over 14,000 patrons.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's mission is to empower all individuals to manage their sexual and reproductive health through patient services, education and advocacy. For 75 years, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin staff, donors and volunteers have helped to provide reproductive healthcare for all who need it, including those who cannot afford care. Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin continues to be at the forefront of sexual education and equips women, men and teens across the state with the knowledge they need to promote healthier, safer lifestyles.

For exceptional service to communities across the state, I would like to thank and honor Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and congratulate them on celebrating their 75th anniversary.